REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2001, claims 8 and 18 has been amended. Claims 1-69 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Record is made of telephone interviews between Examiner Choules and George H. Gates, Applicants' attorney, that occurred on August 14, 2001 and September 12, 2001. The format and substance of the Supplemental Declaration were discussed during the interview.

III. BRACKETING AND UNDERLINING OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, it was asserted that the amendment filed June 14, 2001 failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.121(e). Specifically, claims 8 and 18 were not bracketed and underlined from the original as required.

Applicants have bracketed and underlined claims 8 and 18 as indicated above.

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IV.   CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectively solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.
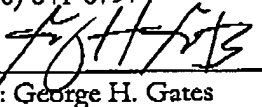
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APPENDIX: CLAIMS IN MARKED-UP FORM

8. (AMENDED) A method for enabling a[n] user to distribute a procedure from a client platform to a plurality of server platforms, and for enabling the user to make and register the procedure at the server platforms, comprising the steps of:

(1) at the client platform, displaying a list of servers;

(2) at the client platform, enabling the user to select any of said servers;

(3) at the client platform, commanding a module to distribute a file associated with the procedure to the selected servers, the module being resident in the client platform; and

(4) at the client platform, commanding the module to cause the selected servers to make and register the procedure;

wherein step (3) comprises the steps of:

(a) converting the file to a string;

(b) setting a procedure parameter equal to information identifying a file transfer procedure located at each selected server;

(c) causing a first parameter to represent said string, and causing a second parameter to represent a file name of the file; and

(d) invoking, for each selected server, a function provided by the module, a parameter list of said function comprising said first and second parameter and said procedure parameter, said function when executed causing said first and second parameters to be passed to said file transfer procedure at each selected server, and also causing said file transfer procedure to be invoked at each selected server.

18. (THRICE AMENDED) A [database] system for enabling a[n] user to distribute a procedure from a client platform to a plurality of server platforms, and for enabling the user to make and register the procedure at the server platforms, [a "DB2" relational database management system (RDBMS) executing on each server platform,] the [database] system comprising:

means, at the client platform, for displaying a list of servers;

means, at the client platform, for enabling the user to select any of said servers;

[CAE] commanding means, at the client platform, for commanding a ["client application enablement" (CAE)] module to distribute a file associated with the procedure to the selected

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servers, the [CAE] module being resident in the client platform [and representing a client

10   component of the DB2 RDBMS] ; and

    make and register means, at the client platform, for commanding the [CAE] module to cause the selected servers to make and register the procedure;

    wherein said [CAE] commanding means comprises:

    means for converting the file to a string;

15   means for setting a procedure [_to_invoke] parameter equal to information identifying a file transfer procedure located at each selected server;

    means for causing a [pointer in a] first ["sqlvar"] parameter to [point to] represent said string, and causing a [pointer in a] second [sqlvar] parameter [point to] represent a file name of the file, the first and second [sqlvar] parameters [being part of an input_args parameter, the

20   input_args parameter] having a ["sqlda"] data type [, the sqlda data type] being suitable for passing scalar values to procedures; and

    means for invoking, for each selected server, a ["sqleproc"] function provided by the [CAE] module, a parameter list of said [sqleproc] function comprising said [input_args] first and second parameters and said procedure [_to_invoke] parameter, said [sqleproc] function when executed causing said [input_args] first and second parameters to be passed to said file transfer procedure at each selected server, and also causing said file transfer procedure to be invoked at each selected server.

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